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No BRAC Reductions at Barksdale

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Sen. David Vitter announced today that Barksdale Air Force Base received good news in this round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), as it will not be adversely affected in this year's closures.

“Northwest Louisiana has long supported Barksdale and the local military community,” said Vitter. “Over the years, I’ve worked with Congressman Jim McCrery to secure nearly \$66 million in military construction funding for Barksdale since 2000. This funding has proven vital in keeping Barksdale equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.”

The \$66 million in military construction dollars since 2000 is an investment that has helped to further position Barksdale’s standing and the Shreveport-Bossier communities that support them. Barksdale AFB has a \$421 million impact annually on the northwest Louisiana economy, according to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

“I will continue to work with Congressman Jim McCrery and the Shreveport-Bossier community to use the realignment and closure of other bases across the country as an opportunity to strengthen Barksdale and the vital role it plays in maintaining our nation’s defense,” said Vitter.